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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1-17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently amended): An electric plug comprising:

a plug body having a front surface part and a back surface part adapted to be held with a first finger and a second finger of a gripping hand when said plug is pulled out, said plug body having a forward end and a rear end;

at least two pins extending from the forward end of said plug body;

a cord extending from the rear end of said plug body; and

a flexible grip part for a third finger and subsequent fingers of the gripping hand, said grip

part extending rearwards from the rear end of said plug body and covering outer surface of said

cord, said grip part being provided with a bulging portion at a rear end thereof,

wherein a four-finger width from a second finger through a fifth finger of the gripping hand fits in with a distance from the forward end of said plug body to the bulging portion that positioned at a distance is about 45mm to about 70mm from the forward end of said plug body, and said grip part is formed at a selected portion between a position of the third finger behind the second finger and a position of the fifth finger.

19-21. (Cancelled).

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22. (Currently amended): The electric plug as claimed in claim 18,

wherein said grip part is provided with a bulging portion positioned at a selected position said distance from the forward end of said plug body to said bulging portion is about 70mm from the forward end of said plug body.

23. (Currently amended): The electric plug as claimed in claim 18,

wherein said grip part is provided with a bulging portion positioned at a distance said distance from the forward end of said plug body to said bulging portion is about 50mm from the forward end of the plug body.

- 24. (Previously presented): The electric plug as claimed in claim 18, wherein said grip part is shaped such that thickness of the grip part gradually increases toward bulging portion.
- 25. (Previously presented): The electric plug as claimed in claim 18, wherein said grip part extends with a substantially constant thickness toward the bulging portion and the bulging portion have a thick and vertical front end surface.
 - 26. (Currently amended): An electric plug comprising:
 a plug body having a front and back surface parts adapted to be held with a first finger

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and a second finger of a gripping hand when said plug is pulled out, said plug body having a forward end and a rear end;

at least two pins extending from the forward end of said plug body; and

a cord extending from the rear end of said plug body; and

a grip part for a third finger and subsequent fingers of the gripping hand, said grip part extending rearwards from a rear side of a second finger position of said plug body, said grip part being provided with a bulging portion at a rear end thereof,

wherein a four-finger width from the second finger through a fifth finger of the gripping hand fits in with a distance from the forward end of said plug body to the bulging portion that positioned at a distance is about 45mm to about 70mm from the forward end of said plug body; and said grip part is formed at a selected portion between a position of the third finger behind the second finger and a position of the fifth finger.

27-29. (Cancelled).

30. (Currently amended): The electric plug as claimed in claim 26,

wherein said grip part is provided with a bulging portion positioned at a selected position between a position positioned at a said distance from the forward end of said plug body to said bulging portion is about 45mm to about 70mm from the forward end of said plug body.

31. (Currently amended): The electric plug as claimed in claim 26,

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wherein said grip part is provided with a bulging portion positioned at a said distance from the forward end of said plug body to said bulging portion is about 45-50mm 45mm from the forward end of the plug body.

32. (Previously presented): The electric plug as claimed in claim 26, wherein said grip part is shaped such that thickness of the grip part gradually increases toward bulging portion.

33. (Previously presented): The electric plug as claimed in claim 26, wherein said grip part has a recessed portion at least at a rear portion thereof.